

Application No. 09/558,266

reference. The incorporation of lithium from a lithium salt into metal oxide nanoparticles in a heat treatment process is described in copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/311,506, now U.S. Patent 6,394,494 to Reitz et al., entitled "Metal Vanadium Oxide Particles," and copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/334,203, now U.S. Patent 6,482,374 to Kumar et al., entitled "Reaction Methods for Producing Ternary Particles," both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

At page 30, line 27 to page 31, line 2, please substitute the paragraph with the following. Note that this paragraph was previously amended in the Amendment dated October 18, 2001.

Furthermore, lithium manganese oxide nanoparticles have been produced by laser pyrolysis along with subsequent heat processing, as described in copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications Serial No. 09/188,768, entitled "Composite Metal Oxide Particles," Serial No. 09/203,414, now U.S. Patent 6,136,287, entitled "Lithium Manganese Oxides and Batteries," and 09/334,203, now U.S. Patent 6,482,374 to Kumar et al., entitled "Reaction Methods for Producing Ternary Particles," all three of which are incorporated herein by reference.

At page 30, lines 20-26, please replace the paragraph with the following.

Also, nanoscale manganese oxide particles have been formed by laser pyrolysis. The production of these particles is described in copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/188,770, now U.S. Patent 6,506,493, entitled "Metal Oxide Particles," incorporated herein by reference. This application describes the production of  $\text{MnO}$ ,  $\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{Mn}_5\text{O}_8$ .